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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents **Box RCE** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before taking any action, in response to the Final Office Action dated August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:.

There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the complete listing of all pending claims, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this response.